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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, line 25 through page 13, line 6 as follows:

A first embodiment is, as illustrated in Figs 1(a) and 1(b), a vehicle upholstery member 10 having an air bag door 18 ~~10~~ equipped with a fabricated skin 11, which is characterized in that a corresponding portion 12 of a back surface A of the skin 11 to the portion where a vehicle air bag 21 is installed is provided with a break-scheduled line 17 that is not so deep as to reach a surface B of the skin 11 and adapted to assume a substantially V-shaped groove when the skin 11 is bent with its back surface convexed.

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 1-6 as follows:

Preferably, the vehicle upholstery member having the air bag door is constructed as a layered body comprising, on a back side A of the skin 11, a foam layer 13 and a substrate 15 accommodating the air bag 21 and provided with a thin-walled portion 19 along an air bag door 18 that opens when the deployment force of the air bag 21 occurs, as shown in Figs. 1(a) and 1(b).

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 20-26 as follows:

The arrangement (formation position) of the break-scheduled line is characterized in that the break scheduled line is provided in the back surface A of the skin 11, as shown in Figs. 1(a) and 1(b). Namely, the given invisibility of the vehicle upholstery member 10 having the air bag door 18 ~~10~~ is secured by the absence of the break-scheduled line 17 in the surface of the skin 11.

Please amend the paragraph at page 25, lines 15-26 as follows:

A third embodiment is, as illustrated in Figs. 13(a) to 13 (f), a method of producing

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a vehicle upholstery member 10 having an air bag door 18 ~~10~~ equipped with a fabricated skin 11, which is characterized by comprising the following steps (a) to (c):

- (a) partially or entirely bending the skin 11 with its back surface A convexed;
- (b) forming a break-scheduled line 17 that is not so deep as to reach the surface with a cutting blade 35; and
- (c) measuring the depth of the break-scheduled line 17 or the thickness of the remaining portion with the incision of the break-scheduled line 17 opened.

Please amend the paragraph at page 33, lines 14-19 as follows:

The kind of the cutting blade is not particularly limited. ~~For example, it is preferred that a heat cutting jig such as a laser cutter, a high frequency cutter, an ultrasonic cutter, or a heated blade, and a non heat cutting jig such as a cutter, a razor, a rotary blade, a saw blade, a water current, or a scroll saw is used alone or in combination.~~